

Private Admonition -- Board Case No. 15, 1993. Date of Sanction: August 11, 1993. A private admonition was authorized by a panel of the Preliminary Review Committee of the Board on Professional Responsibility and was imposed with the consent of the Respondent for a violation of **DLRPC 4.1(a)**, which provides: "In the course of representing a client a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a third person."

Respondent had issued a clear certificate of title as an agent for a title insurance company, knowing that there was a defect in that title, in order to accommodate a client who was anxious to proceed to settlement on that property. The private admonition contained conditions that Respondent complete three additional credit hours of Continuing Legal Education in ethics and six additional credit hours of real estate law, as well as payment of the costs of the investigation. Respondent had no prior disciplinary record.